

that they felt left out. They invited her once or twice to join with them, and when she did not do so, there were some passages of hostility between the two groups. They called out to each other, " You're not nice." " Yes, we are. You're not/' and so on. This was kept up for some time, partly as a joke. At lunch-time, Priscilla, Noel and Dan made what they called " a silly game ", making foolish gestures and baby talk, and saying to Mrs. I., " You won't know what we're talking about if we talk silly." Their antics and queer gestures when eating led Alfred to say with scorn, " You don't eat properly." " Oh, yes, we do—it's *ydu* who don't." " Yes, I do." " You're contradicting—don't contradict." " No, we're not—you are." This was kept up for some time ; then Dan tried to smooth things over, by saying, " It seems to us that you contradict and don't eat properly. It seems to you that we don't. But we do." There was then some discussion as to what " contradict " meant.

18.10.26. The children were drawing and painting. Dan and Jessica expressed great scorn of Phineas's picture of an engine, sniggering at it behind their hands, and saying to him, " That's not a nice engine."

10.11.26. The younger children made two " ships"—Phineas and Jessica had one, Lena and Conrad another. There was rivalry between the two, each pair declaring that the other was " a silly ship ".

2.12.26. The others all laughed at Phineas because he said " sigernal" for " signal".

2.12.27. Conrad went out to lunch with his parents, and Jane and Dan said several times that they were glad he was going, and they didn't like him.

24.1.27. When the elder children heard that Lena had arrived, they said as if at some concerted signal, " Oh, that dragon has come," and ran into the schoolroom shouting in a hostile and intimidating way, " Oh, there is the dragon."

Lena was at the other end of the room with Miss S., and did not seem to realise what they were saying.

They were going to run near her and repeat it, but Mrs. I. prevented this. During the next two or three days, they made occasional hostile remarks, but were on the whole quite friendly to her. It all appeared to be a phantasy game rather than real hostility to Lena ; a few days later they invited her into their special rooms for play together.

Conrad's mother was in the school, and she was writing with him. Jane and Dan were occupying themselves apart, and Jane said, " I hate Conrad." " So do I," replied Dan. This seemed to be provoked by the mother's presence.